



FREMONT COUNTY PROFILE

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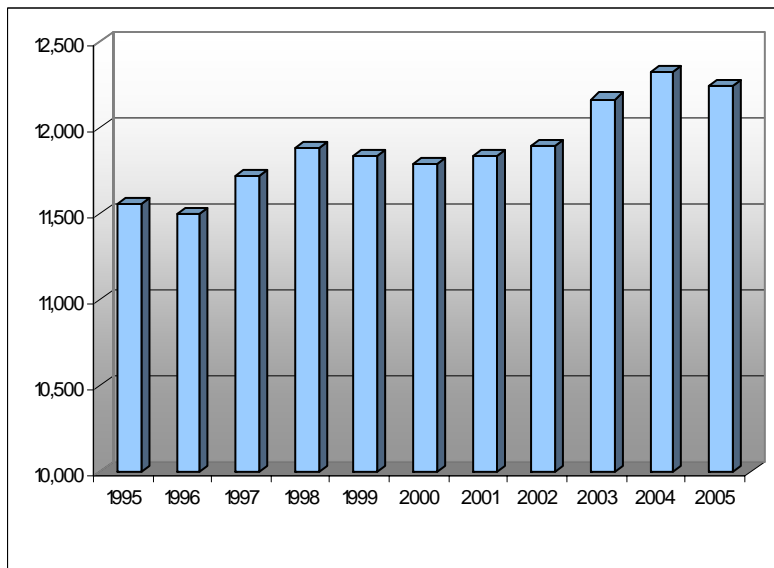
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Population

Over the decade, Fremont County has maintained a relatively stable population. From 2000 to 2004, the county saw a steady growth of 528 people, then dropped 78 from 2004 to 2005. The largest growth in the decade came between 2002 to 2003 when there was a gain of almost 300 people. The lowest point in the decade was in 1996 at 11,502 people. The county is currently ranked 23rd in the state for population. Concentrated economic development and neighboring Madison County's change from the two-year Ricks College to the four-year Brigham Young University-Idaho are expected to contribute to continued growth in the county in the future.

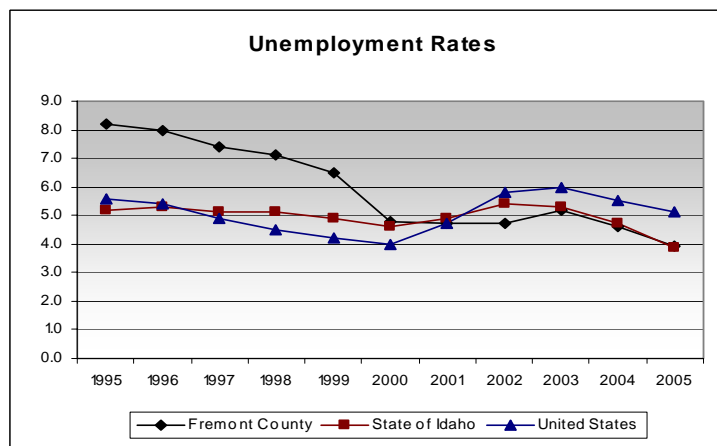
From 1995 through 2005, the county population increased 5.9 percent, or 685 people. The average annual increase over the decade is 69.



Labor Force & Employment

Fremont County, bordering both Montana and Wyoming, has three significant cities located on Highway 20, a highway heavily traveled by tourists to such places as Yellowstone National Park, Henry's Lake, and Harriman State Park. Although the county attracts many local tourists to its natural recreational areas, the county is working hard to attract the national and international tourists traveling through the area. The county has been affected by both the lumber industry and government employment as the sawmill was shut down in the 1980's and the U.S. Forest Service office was moved to Idaho Falls several years ago. The county found it difficult to rebound until the last few years when several businesses found interest in the area and an economic development specialist was hired to promote business expansion and attraction.

Since 1995, the unemployment rate has dropped 4.3 percentage points with the 2005 rate being the lowest in the decade. Since 2000, the rates have been more in line with both the state and national rate. The *Civilian Labor Force*, a count



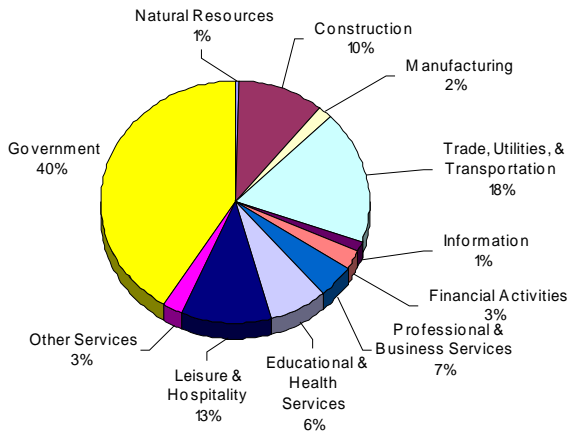
of the workforce age 16 or older non-institutionalized and non-military, grew by almost 1,700 people since 1995.

As noted in the pie chart on the second page of this profile, *Government* offers the most *Nonfarm Payroll Jobs* in the county with the Juvenile Correction Center (JCC) located here. Besides the other local and state government jobs, federal and state government together own 70 percent of total acreage; therefore, Departments of Agriculture, Fish & Game, and Parks all have employees there. *Trade and Leisure & Hospitality* also represent large percentages of the county's jobs. *Construction* has grown over the decade, while *Manufacturing* has decreased in its number of jobs.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	5,954	6,073
Total Employment	5,701	5,788
Unemployed	253	286
Fremont County % Unemployed	4.2	4.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	4,577	4,551	4,895	4,956	4,817	5,677	5,797	5,933	5,688	5,933	6,236
Unemployment	375	366	361	352	313	273	273	280	294	274	244
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.2	8.0	7.4	7.1	6.5	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.6	3.9
Employment	4,202	4,185	4,534	4,604	4,504	5,404	5,523	5,653	5,395	5,659	5,991

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home
B M Tibbitts & Sons, Inc.
Fall River Rural Electric Coop Inc.
Fremont County
Fremont County Joint School District #215
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Walters Produce, Inc.

Eastern ID Occupation Wages*	Average Wage
Agricultural Workers	\$8.47
Cashiers	\$7.79
Computer Support Specialists	\$17.99
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$13.39
Customer Service Reps	\$9.86
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$14.41
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$6.59
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.01
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	\$9.03
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$8.58
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.52
Secretaries & Administrative Asst	\$11.79
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$18.98

* Wages represent 15 counties in Eastern Idaho. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Wages

Covered Employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Average employment by covered employers increased 309 over the decade with the majority of employees increasing in Construction, Government and Health. Overall, average wages increased by \$6,069. Average wages almost doubled over the decade in Professional & Business Services and Education & Health Services. Large wage increases were also seen in Government, Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Construction and Financial Services. Although quite a bit lower than the state of national averages, per capita income increased 41.6 percent over the decade and should continue the trend.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,538	\$17,623	2,745	\$23,568	2,847	\$23,692
Agriculture	393	\$15,354	287	\$16,892	313	\$16,963
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	102	\$15,346	231	\$21,451	268	\$21,470
Manufacturing	32	\$12,283	43	\$18,042	41	\$14,946
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	507	\$17,993	468	\$23,864	466	\$25,843
Information	7	\$29,450	33	\$34,074	34	\$32,572
Financial Activities	51	\$19,104	69	\$25,634	71	\$26,320
Professional and Business Services	89	\$12,378	112	\$27,785	111	\$24,193
Educational and Health Services	107	\$13,631	171	\$21,881	180	\$22,286
Leisure and Hospitality	258	\$7,670	281	\$10,253	284	\$10,026
Other Services	24	\$12,475	46	\$18,277	50	\$17,742
Government	966	\$22,304	1,003	\$29,377	1,026	\$29,508

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Fremont County	\$14,456	\$15,903	\$15,811	\$16,403	\$16,942	\$18,068	\$18,651	\$19,889	\$18,845	\$20,464
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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